

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the above-captioned Application and have been subjected to an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Office Action avers that the Application contains patentably distinct species of the claimed invention presented by the following claims:

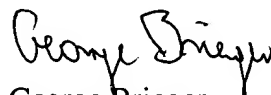
- I. Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 13 and 14, drawn to Figures 2 and 3A;
- II. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, drawn to Figures 3C and 6.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species, Applicant hereby elects at this time to prosecute the subject matter of Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 13 and 14, which are drawn to Figures 2 and 3A.

Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications presenting claims directed to the subject matter of the other Species.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected Species at an early date is earnestly solicited.

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